

TABLE:

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Capital City Suns	14	10	1	3	1	44	18	32
Belconnen United	14	9	2	3	2	41	14	31
Monaro	14	8	3	3	3	42	19	30
Weston Creek	14	7	4	3	4	31	19	29
Canberra Olympic	14	8	2	4	1	30	15	27
Canberra Deakin	14	8	2	4	1	29	18	27
Gungahlin Juventus	14	6	1	7	1	22	27	20
Uni of Canberra	14	3	1	10	1	22	40	11
Burns Club	14	2	0	12	0	10	53	6
Queanbeyan City	14	1	0	13	0	20	68	3

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Uni of Canberra	14	11	1	2	1	60	12	35
Belconnen United	14	9	3	2	3	63	19	33
Monaro	14	7	4	3	4	43	24	29
Weston Creek	14	7	4	3	4	32	22	29
Canberra Olympic	14	6	5	3	3	34	14	26
Capital City Suns	14	6	1	7	1	49	38	20
Canberra Deakin	14	4	3	7	1	34	24	16
Gungahlin Juventus	14	5	1	8	0	46	39	16
Burns Club	14	3	2	9	1	21	33	12
Queanbeyan City	14	0	0	14	0	3	160	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	14	14	0	0	0	64	10	42
Uni of Canberra	14	11	1	2	1	45	14	35
Gungahlin Juventus	13	10	0	3	0	51	18	30
Weston Creek	14	8	1	5	1	46	29	26
Canberra Deakin	14	7	1	6	1	37	29	23
Monaro	14	5	1	8	1	38	50	17
Capital City Suns	13	4	2	7	2	19	36	16
Canberra Olympic	14	3	0	11	0	19	59	9
Burns Club	14	2	1	11	1	19	50	8
Queanbeyan City	14	1	1	12	1	17	60	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	17	13	4	0	2	36	8	45
Tuggeranong United	17	11	3	3	3	50	18	39
Cooma	17	9	2	6	0	32	28	29
Belwest Foxes	17	7	2	8	2	34	37	25
ANU	17	5	5	7	4	32	30	24
White Eagles	17	6	2	9	2	33	34	22
Sabres FC	16	2	6	8	5	23	45	17
ADFA	16	1	2	13	2	13	53	7

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	17	14	1	2	1	39	13	44
ANU	17	11	1	5	1	41	18	35
Tuggeranong United	17	11	1	5	0	52	38	34
Belwest Foxes	17	10	0	7	0	53	21	30
White Eagles	17	8	2	7	2	38	31	28
ADFA	16	4	2	10	1	24	41	15
Sabres FC	16	4	1	11	1	17	42	14
Cooma	17	0	2	15	2	10	69	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	13	12	1	0	1	65	13	38
Belconnen United	12	9	0	3	0	48	24	27
Belwest Foxes	12	5	1	6	1	28	28	17
Radford	13	4	0	9	0	21	30	12
Southern Spirit	12	4	0	8	0	24	50	12
Belsouth	12	2	0	10	0	15	56	6

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

Golden Boot Chase

15: T. Lemezina (CCS)

14: S. Lazzari (Wck)

11: D. Bartone (UoC), D. Macor (Mon)

10: L. Simeonov (Mon), M. Whyte (Bel)

9: P. Phommaseisy (CCS)

7: J. Glass (Juv), G. Howarth (COLY), P. Hader (Wck), B. Deighan (CDkn)

6: J. Campagna (Mon), N. Popovich (Oly), J. Campagna (Mon)

CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS

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EDITORIAL:

Some blood was spilt last weekend, and in more than one way. At Hawker Peter Hader was sent to hospital to get stitched up after colliding with Jason Dunn.

Meanwhile after the Juventus loss, coach Billy Willox decided to resign from his position. The loss was to bottom team Queanbeyan City Lions and for them, their first win of the season.

Many congratulations should go to Queanbeyan for striving hard and finally getting a result. The match against Burns Club soon will be a doozy.

But what of their future? Can Queanbeyan play in 2000 in Premier League Division 1? Will we have to put up with another Under 23s team that concedes on average more than 10 goals per game?

Certainly by results, they are not in good stead. A couple of off-field incidents haven't helped either. Even so, they have the money and from what I've heard, a solid backing from the community.

It will be a hard road ahead for them come October and November when they have to put in their submission to remain in the top division.

Looking over their shoulder will be the likes of O'Connor Knights and Tuggeranong United. Tuggers are the more likely to get in as they have the Juniors and the structure to play in Division 1.

O'Connor on the other hand are the best team in Division 2 by far leading both grades by some distance. Would they be able to cope with the rigors of first division football?

All will be revealed come the Soccer Canberra AGM later this year, but for sure there will be more than just the 10 current teams nominating.

Enjoy your soccer,

Nick

AUSTRALIA V BAHRAIN

Under 17 World Cup Qualifying
First Leg

BRUCE STADIUM
SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH
7:30pm

Next Saturday night is a big night for Australia. Maybe not as big as November 29th 1997 when we played Iran to qualify for France '98, but almost.

This game will be the first leg of a home and away clash against Bahrain to see which country qualifies for the U17 World Cup later in the year. The second leg will be in Bahrain on Friday August 27th.

The Finals will be held in New Zealand from November 10th to 27th. If, or when, Australia qualifies they will be put in Group C and will play all their group matches in Christchurch.

The Group contains an abundance of quality. Brazil and Germany are the headline, with Mali no easy pushover making up the four.

But, to the matter at hand. Australia must do well in it's first match to take a good result to Bahrain later this month. They will need your support.

Kickoff is at 7:30pm and the gates open at 6:45pm. Alike with all Novell Canberra Cosmos games, parking and entry will be from the Eastern Stand.

The costs are very affordable, with tickets available through Ticketek on 62196666 The costs of tickets are

very good for an International, so don't miss your chance to see this.

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for Concession holders and all Under 12's will get into the ground for Free.

So how did these two teams get to this set of games?

Australia went to Fiji in early May for the Oceania qualifiers. Their group consisted of Papua Guinea, Cook Islands, American Samoa, Vanuatu and the hosts Fiji.

The first match against the hosts was a tight affair with the Joeys going a goal down in the 20th minute, but two goals after the break secured the win.

From there it was plain sailing. 8-0 over Papua Guinea, 8-0 over Cook Islands, 15 more against American Samoa and finally 9 over Vanuatu.

In the semis they beat up on New Caledonia by 8-0 and then played the hosts again, Fiji, and this time trounced them 5-0.

Bahrain had a much lengthier qualifying process which culminated in the Championship Round in Al Arabi, late last year.

They were placed in Group B of the Asian Football Confederation qualifiers. They eventually won the group on goal difference by defeating Bangladesh, Oman and the Korean Republic, but they lost to Japan 2-1.

Their win over Korean Republic may have been clouded by the fact that the Korean Republic had already qualified and the result was 4-3.

In the semi-finals they played the second placed team from Group A, Thailand. The Korean Republic were put against Qatar who won Group A.

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Thailand thrashed Bahrain 6-0 whilst Qatar just won 2-1. This meant that both Qatar and Thailand qualified for New Zealand, whilst Bahrain and the Korean Republic would have to play-off to see who would challenge the Oceania winner. Bahrain won easily 5-1.

Initially the two legs were to be played immediately after the Oceania qualifiers, but Bahrain were able to convince FIFA to postpone the playoff.

Australia has had a mixed set of results in the World Cup having reached the Quarter Finals 5 times, but never proceeding any further.

In seven championships they have played six of them, having missed out two years ago when New Zealand won the Oceania qualifiers in Christchurch.

In 1985 in China they lost the 1/4 final to Guinea 2:4 on penalties and in 1987 in Canada it was to Nigeria 0:1. In Scotland in 1989 it was a dismal performance finishing 4th in their group.

1991 saw Italy host the event and the Joeys lost the 1/4 final to Argentina 1:2, and then in 1993 in Japan they lost to Ghana 0:1 in extra-time. Then in 1995 the run continued when in Ecuador they lost the 1/4 final 1:3 to Brazil.

For the locals this has been a real scoop, especially with the distinct lack of Internationals being played anywhere in Australia.

Soccer Canberra CEO Rob Bennett said "Canberra is very honoured to have the game as there are very few fully fledged International matches played in Australia".

The game has the same competitive edge as the Australia v Iran game in 1997, so it is very important that you and all your friends get out to Bruce next Saturday night to support your country and cheer them on to New Zealand.



Capital City Suns 2 (1)



Burns Club 1 (1)

By George Lemon

Capital City Suns Soccer Club defeated Burns Club 2-1 to go on top of the table of the Premier League 1 first division.

A few seconds of magic in injury time from star Japanese player, Yuki Onda gave the Suns their seventh win on the trot. Capital City Suns are now one point clear of Belconnen United who have moved into second place.

Onda, a second half replacement for defender Tony Alexsovski ran in behind the Burns Club's defence onto a brilliant ball from assistant coach Ian Shaw. Onda dummied the goalkeeper and then turned to his left and floated the ball into the net.

However, it was Burns Club who was first to score. In the 20th minute Burn's strongman, Alan Strachan noticing that the Sun's goalkeeper Tony Giannasca was busy arranging his defensive wall after a free kick had been awarded to the Burns Club, fired the ball into the net. Referee Geoff Ashurst blew his whistle for the goal amongst howls of protest from the Sun's players and coaching staff.

Two minutes later the Suns struck back with a penalty, after midfielder Ilija Prenzoski was brought down in the box. Prenzoski had no problem converting in his last game for the Club due to Canberra Cosmos commitments.

Neither team looked like breaking the 1-1 half-time deadlock until Onda weaved his magic in injury time.

For Suns' coach Bill Dojcinowski, his dream of a championship was one step closer.

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"The team and I are not going to get carried away. It is one thing reaching the top, it is another thing staying there. Yuki was the hero today, he is our super-sub." Dojcinowski said.

Capital City Suns were once again best served by outstanding defender Thai Tran. Dojcinowski is hoping that the Cosmos will have a look at him.

Burns coach Steve Bryant was happy that his youngsters are learning. "The young kids did well. They're coming of age. Joachim made some good saves and the club's got a bright future".



Belconnen United 1 (0) Weston Creek Royals 0 (0)

By Greg Welsh

Defending premiers Belconnen United took a crucial step toward retaining their ACT Premier League title by defeating the Weston Creek Royals 1-0 at Hawker Oval yesterday.

The victory catapults Belconnen back into second place on a congested league ladder with only five rounds remaining, and completes a turnaround in form for the competition heavyweights.

United led the league after seven matches before three consecutive defeats saw them languishing in unfamiliar territory at sixth. However victories from their last four outings have righted the ship and sent out a warning to any premiership pretenders.

Like many games fought out between evenly-matched rivals, this one was not a pretty affair. With neither side able to play confidently on a bumpy pitch, long balls from the back, aerial tussles and physical midfield challenges dominated proceedings.

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Belconnen made the first serious incursion in the seventh minute when Aaron Fuller's free-kick was headed toward goal by big central defender Jason Dunn. However Royals goalkeeper Hassan Adhami managed to touch the ball onto the crossbar, and his defence eventually cleared the rebound.

Weston responded six minutes later when striker Peter Hader latched onto a long throw from Matt Stocks before forcing a diving save from Rade Kosanovic in the Belconnen goal.

The most contentious incident of the match occurred soon after. Near the sideline and directly in front of the grandstand, Weston defender Adrian Paragalli appeared to receive an elbow to the face in backplay.

While Paragalli was treated for a bloody nose and supporters bayed for the dismissal of Belconnen striker Marko Perinovic, referee Bill Simeonovic - who was unsighted - consulted his assistant on the far touchline.

Based on that report, Simeonovic brandished the red card at Belconnen's Matt Whyte who appeared to be innocent of any wrongdoing.

The incident seemed to increase the fervour of an already intense match, and just ten minutes later the blood was flowing freely again after Dunn and Hader collided while competing for a high ball.

The challenge left Hader with a nasty gash to the head which necessitated a speedy trip to hospital for stitching.

Only a matter of seconds after resuming from the half-time break, Belconnen were ahead thanks to the individual talents of midfielder Scott Manson.

Manson received the ball just inside the Belconnen half, swept past four Weston defenders and struck a low left-foot shot past Adhami to give Belconnen a hard-earned lead.

Weston fought back tenaciously and were almost rewarded with an equaliser seven minutes from full-time. Substitute Nabil Adhami picked out an

unmarked Steve Lazzari in front of goal, and Weston's leading goalscorer seemed certain to increase his tally before a splendid save from Kosanovic restored the smile to Lino Fiorese's face.

The Belconnen coach described the win as 'a brilliant victory for us,' but conceded that the first-half dismissal of Whyte had cemented his side's resolve.

'It's very difficult to play against ten men,' Fiorese said. 'If they're organised well, and they battle hard and have got a big heart they'll make it very tough.'

Royals coach Jimmy Bland was dispirited by the loss yet remained philosophic. 'It was always going to be a game where there was not going to be a lot of chances,' he said.

'It was always going to be the side that took the opportunity when it arose - and Belconnen did that and full credit to them, [but] it's not the end of the season by a long, long way, we're still in the top four and there's still a lot of football to be played.'



Monaro 0 (0)



Canberra Olympic 1 (1)

By Nick Guoth

Canberra Olympic continued their run towards the Finals when they defeated Monaro at Riverside Stadium by a scoreline of 1-0.

But the one goal was not indicative of the play as Olympic were all over their opponents and a final result of four or five would not have been undeserved.

The result moves Olympic only two points out of the Top 4, but they still have to play some of the very strong teams in the coming weeks. 'It's do or die for us', said Olympic coach Baz Giampaolo. 'We are still taking each game one at a time.'

In the early moments of the game Monaro had one of their rare chances. Danny Macor fed Joe Campagna and his shot went just the wrong side of the post. The next 20 or so minutes were very hectic with both sides trying to settle in. Cosmos player Michael Musitano should have done better when he headed over from a Campagna cross.

From then on it was nearly all Olympic. In the 43rd minute the pressure came to fruition, but not in the way everyone expected. Takis Arvanitis looked up from his left-back position and sent a 40m pass across the field from his own half.

The Monaro defender mis-judged the ball and it fell to a speedy Elli Salloum. He went straight at goal and put away the one-on-one past Monaro keeper Tony Guarino. Giampaolo has been very happy with Salloum and rates him well. 'He's a good asset, especially with his speed factor.'

Into the second half and Salloum absolutely ripped apart the Monaro left hand side defence. His surging runs down the wing were complemented by some accurate crosses, but unfortunately, the finishing left a little to be desired.

Pino Seminara was the main culprit with a bucket load of chances laid onto him. Generally it was the hard working John Nelson, playing sweeper, who had to make a last ditch tackle to save his team.

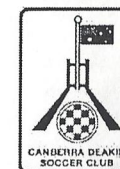
Arvanitis, Salloum and Seminara set up all the opportunities but each one was either miskicked, sent straight at Guarino or sailed wide.

Olympic's lack of scoring nearly cost them. Musitano won a free kick 25m out and Macor's shot needed to be touched over by Angelo Konstantinou.

Lazar Simeonov, recovering from an injury came on in the second half and seemed to spark a bit of life into the Monaro side. But unfortunately, the touch left him especially when put through by Musitano late in the game.

Giampaolo said "we should have punished them to the tune of 3 or 4 nil. The team is playing quite well as we seem to have got the right rhythm and intensity."

On the other side Andrew Monterosso was not a pleased coach. "Some of the big name players need to pull up their socks. We started each half well but then slackened off."



Canberra Deakin 4 (2)



University of Canberra 0 (0)

By Nick Guoth

Canberra Deakin had an easy run against a less than enthusiastic University of Canberra when they waltzed home with a 4-0 win.

Two goals in each half sealed the result, but as always, it could have been more. Both sides were missing key players, Deakin especially with ACT Schoolboys and suspensions seeing 5 players missing.

The first goal came from a corner, the bane of University. Uni have nearly conceded more goals from set plays than they have from open play. The ball was flicked on for Mladen Rogic to slam home his volley from 10m out.

Fellow defender James Modric scored the second. Modric went into a 50-50 too strong for the Uni defender. The ball fell kindly to him and he smashed the ball past the Uni keeper from 15m out.

After the break, Deakin continued its dominance. Marcel Munoz played some lovely passes with a few of his team-mates before becoming free in his run towards goal. He rounded the keeper and slotted home from short range.

Munoz became provider for the fourth and final goal when he put through Ben Deighan.

"It was a pretty good effort", said Deakin coach Bernie Lustica. "Even without the key players we performed well."

Rod Lynes for Uni stated "we played with a lot of commitment but we were just not good enough on the day."



Gungahlin Juventus 0 (0) Queanbeyan City Lions 4 (2)

By Nick Guoth

Queanbeyan City Lions finally won their first game of the season, and quite emphatically. A 4-0 drubbing of Gungahlin Juventus gives them hope that they may not finish last.

Queanbeyan coach Danny Burt had a feeling about this match. "I felt different even going to the game", Burt said.

The whipping boys of the ACT Premier League finally came of age. Through their two Canberra Cosmos players, Nick Purdue and coach Danny Burt, they overwhelmed a rather lacklustre and somewhat depleted Juventus side.

Juventus were missing a number of key players, including 6 who were involved with the ACT Schoolboys, but even so, nothing could be taken away from Queanbeyan who after a number of decent performances finally achieved the rewards.

Steve Roberts notched a hatrick and Purdue finished up proceedings with a cracking free-kick. But it was Danny Burt marshalling his troops who stood out as the key player of the game.

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Unfortunately for Queanbeyan, they will soon lose both Burt and Purdue to their Cosmos duties as training is about to commence.

Burt was all praise for his team. "There were really no standouts as everyone played well, but I should say that our defence played well."

"Keeping them scoreless was a bonus for us. More importantly, we finished out chances. Steve Roberts was superb scoring a hatrick."

"Late in the game we were starting to get tired and had it been close we may have dropped the bundle, but here we were a few goals ahead and that spurred us on to hold out."

"The boys played their hearts out and hopefully it will give them confidence for future matches."

Run to the Finals

Capital City Suns (32): Weston Creek Royals, Canberra Olympic, Uni of Canberra, Monaro

Belconnen United (31): Canberra Olympic, University of Canberra, Monaro, Canberra Deakin

Monaro (30): Uni of Canberra, Canberra Deakin, Belconnen United, Capital City Suns

Weston Creek Royals (29): Capital City Suns, Gungahlin Juventus, Queanbeyan City Lions, Burns Club

Canberra Olympic (27): Belconnen United, Capital City Suns, Gungahlin Juventus, Queanbeyan City Lions

Canberra Deakin (27): Queanbeyan City Lions, Monaro, Burns Club, Belconnen United

Gungahlin Juventus (21): Queanbeyan City Lions, Burns Club, Weston Creek Royals, Canberra Olympic, Uni of Canberra

Premier League Division 2 Report

Belwest bounced back from their defeat the previous week and have returned to the Top 4. White Eagles had a great game against the runaway leaders only losing by the odd goal. And 3-1 was a common score!

Belwest Foxes 3 (2) - ANU 1 (0)
N. Barancewicz 2 S. Cullen
C. Behnke

Cooma 3 (1) - Sabres FC 1 (0)
G. Van der Plaats 2 N. Terrell
V. Petrovski

Tuggeranong United 3 (2) - ADFA 1 (0)
D. Sanchez own goal
A. Bradford
B. S. Conlon

White Eagles 3 (2) - O'Connor Knights 4
E. Bonnett 2 C. Arbaus 3
A. Villatobas S. Scerba



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CSN Predictions for Week 15

Canberra Olympic v Belconnen United
2pm: O'Connor Oval (1st Rd Bels 1-0)
Olympic are taking their games one at a time and are winning them one at a time as well. They are getting closer and closer to the Top 4. Bels have moved up to second and a win is vital for both teams. Bels may be without Matt Whyte through suspension.
PICK: DRAW

Weston Creek Royals v Capital City Suns
2pm: Woden Park (1st Rd Weston 4-2)
Many may say this should be Match of the Round instead of the one above. For Suns this is the chance to break the Premier League record for consecutive wins. No Prenzoski for Suns and most likely no Hader for Royals. A tough game with style and strength. Will the Ondaoski factor be important?
PICK: SUNS

University of Canberra v Monaro
2pm: Uni of Canberra (1st Rd Monaro 5-2)
Another tough game for Uni, but with their future set through youth, more will be trialled. Look to see Monaro return to the winners circle. Simeonov should be back from injury.
PICK: MONARO

Queanbeyan City Lions v Canberra Deakin
2pm: Riverside Stadium (1st Rd Deakin 6-2)
Queanbeyan won their first match last weekend. Can they score another scalp? The real problem for them will be that both Nick Purdue and Danny Burt are gone. Deakin will have their players back.
PICK: DEAKIN

Burns Club v Gungahlin Juventus
2pm: Greenway Oval (1st Rd Juve 2-1)
This could be a very interesting match. Juventus have lost their coach, but will gain their Schoolboy players. Burns are playing better each week. What effect will last weekend's result have on Juventus?
PICK: BURNS